GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY AT COASTAL BORDERS
PALANIYAPPA GOUNDER KUMARASAMY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government treat the coastal line of the country as vulnerable borders in view of the growth of terrorism all over the world;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government are considering to provide additional funds to various States having coastal border, particularly to Tamil Nadu Government, in view of the huge expenditure involved in safeguarding the coastal line as of now, provided to the border States; and

(c): if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(c): Yes Sir. There is a need to strengthen surveillance and patrolling arrangements along India`s coastline in view of its vulnerability to illegal cross border activities. The coastal States, including Tamil Nadu, and Union Territory Administrations have been advised to prepare a plan of action in this regard. Financial assistance to the coastal States for implementation of the plan of action will be considered under the scheme for modernization of State police forces.